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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 0094

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG, BE

SUBJECT: STATUS OF BELGIAN AMBASSADOR

REF: KINSHASA 11001

1. DESPITE EARLIER INDICATIONS BELGIAN AMB VANDEN BLOOCK HAD BEEN REHABILITATED AFTER HIS WALKOUT DURING MOBUTU'S NOV 30 SPEECH, WE NOW HAVE RELIABLE REPORTS THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. ALTHOUGH MOBUTU GREETED VANDEN BLOOCK IN THE RECEIVING LINE DEC 18 ON HIS RETURN FROM ABROAD (KINSHASA 11001), HE WAS REPORTEDLY ANGERED OVER BELGIAN AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE AND HIS WRATH FELL ON DEPUTY STATE COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS INONGA.

2. THUS, WHILE VANDEN BLOOCK HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICLY PNG'D, NEITHER GOZ NOR BELGIAN EMBASSY HERE EXPECTS HIM TO RETURN TO ZAIRE.

3. COMMENT: AMB VANDEN BLOOCK WAS WIDELY RESPECTED THROUGHOUT DIPLOMATIC CORPS. AS REPORTED EARLIER, HIS WALKOUT WAS DUE TO EMOTIONAL STRAIN OCCASIONED BY MOBUTU'S LENGTHY DENUNCIATION OF SUPPOSED BELGIAN SINS DURING COLONIAL PERIOD AND TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF ECONOMIC DECISIONS. CHARGE CAHEN IS  
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OLD HAND IN ZAIRE AND ENJOYS CONFIDENCE OF BOTH MOBUTU

AND PREMIER LEBURTON.  
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